

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11 and 13-14 remain pending in this application. Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1 since claim 2 has been canceled.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claim 12 under this section has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of subject matter indicated as being allowable.

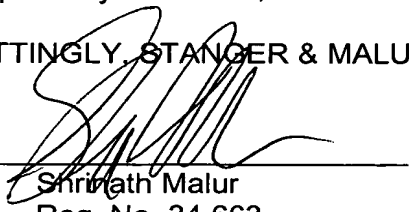
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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